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Dear Land Conservation Partner:

On behalf of the Department of Conservation, I am pleased to provide you with the enclosed copy of the California Farmland Conservancy Program's **Proposition 12 Bond Fund Report**. This report showcases and summarizes the agricultural land conservation projects that were funded by the Program, utilizing \$25 million in voter-approved Proposition 12 grant funds since initiated in 2000. In total, the Program provided 28 agricultural conservation easement grants through Proposition 12, preserving nearly 11,000 acres of strategic farm and ranch land, while leveraging significant funding from a number of other sources. The program also funded six planning/technical assistance grants to further facilitate local agricultural land conservation efforts.

The Department of Conservation's Farmland Conservancy Program continues to complete additional agricultural land conservation projects utilizing voter-approved Proposition 40 grant funding. A subsequent report summarizing the results of this funding will be released upon completion of the remaining projects.

The permanent preservation of strategic farmland resources is an important factor in maintaining California's agricultural vitality. I wish to extend our thanks to all of the farmers and other landowners, as well as the land trusts and our other partners who have made these transactions possible.

Sincerely,



Bridgett Luther
Director

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